

# Overview: COMET, MEG, Mu3e

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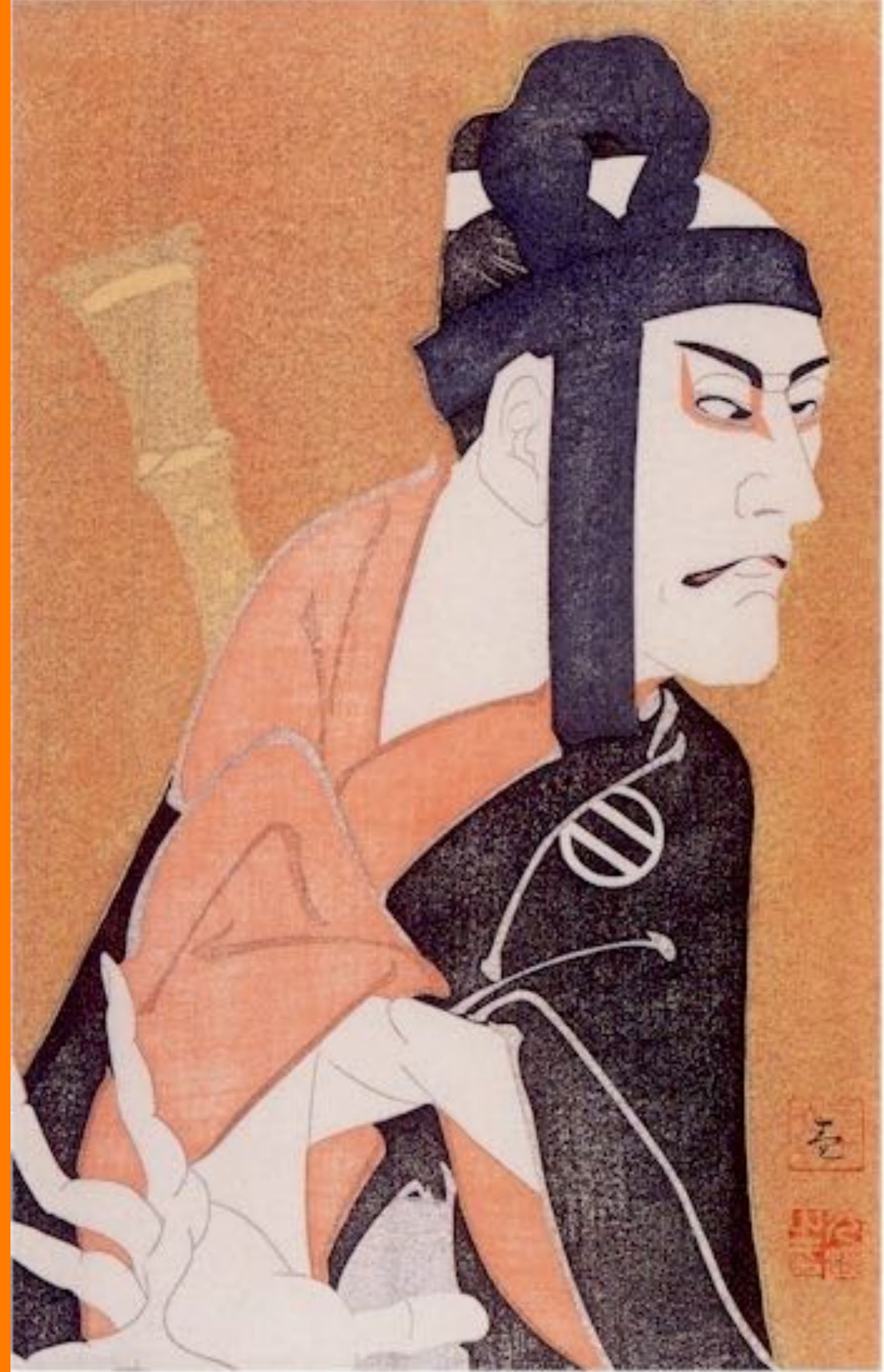
# Outline

- Why Muon Charged Lepton Flavor Violation (CLFV) ?
- MEG II @ PSI :  $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma$
- Mu3e @PSI :  $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ e^+ e^-$
- COMET @ J-PARC :  $\mu^- \rightarrow e^-$  Conversion
- Summary



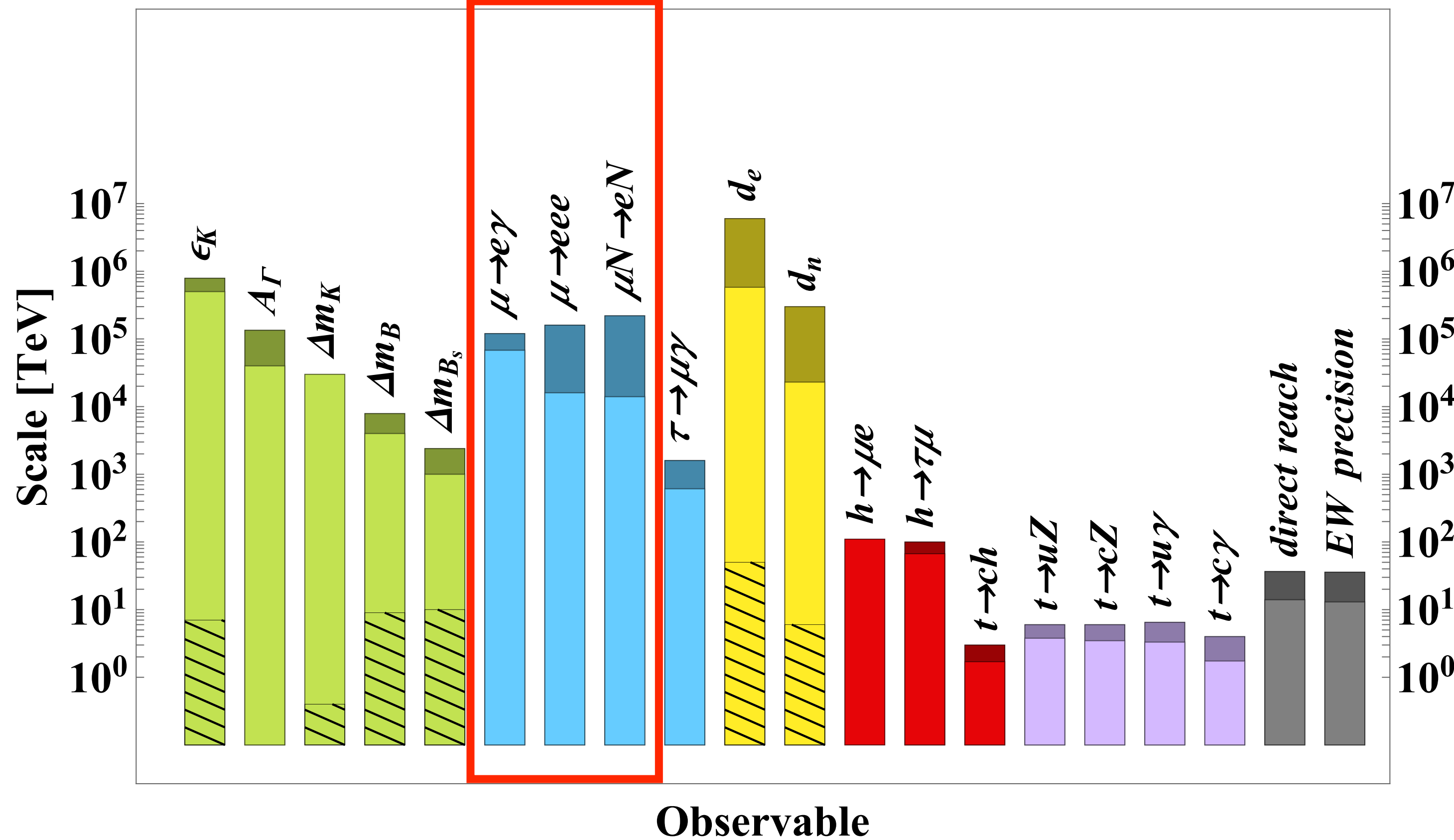


Why Muon CLFV ?





# New Physics Scales for CLFV



Present CLFV physics scales

Energy scale  $\Lambda = \mathcal{O}(10^3 - 10^4)$  TeV

Future Prospect

x10 in energy scale

SM forbidden rate  $\propto \frac{c^2}{\Lambda^4}$

x10000 in experimental sensitivity

CLFV probes very high energy scale of new physics.

light colour: present

dark colour: future prospect

EPPSU2019 Physics Briefing Book



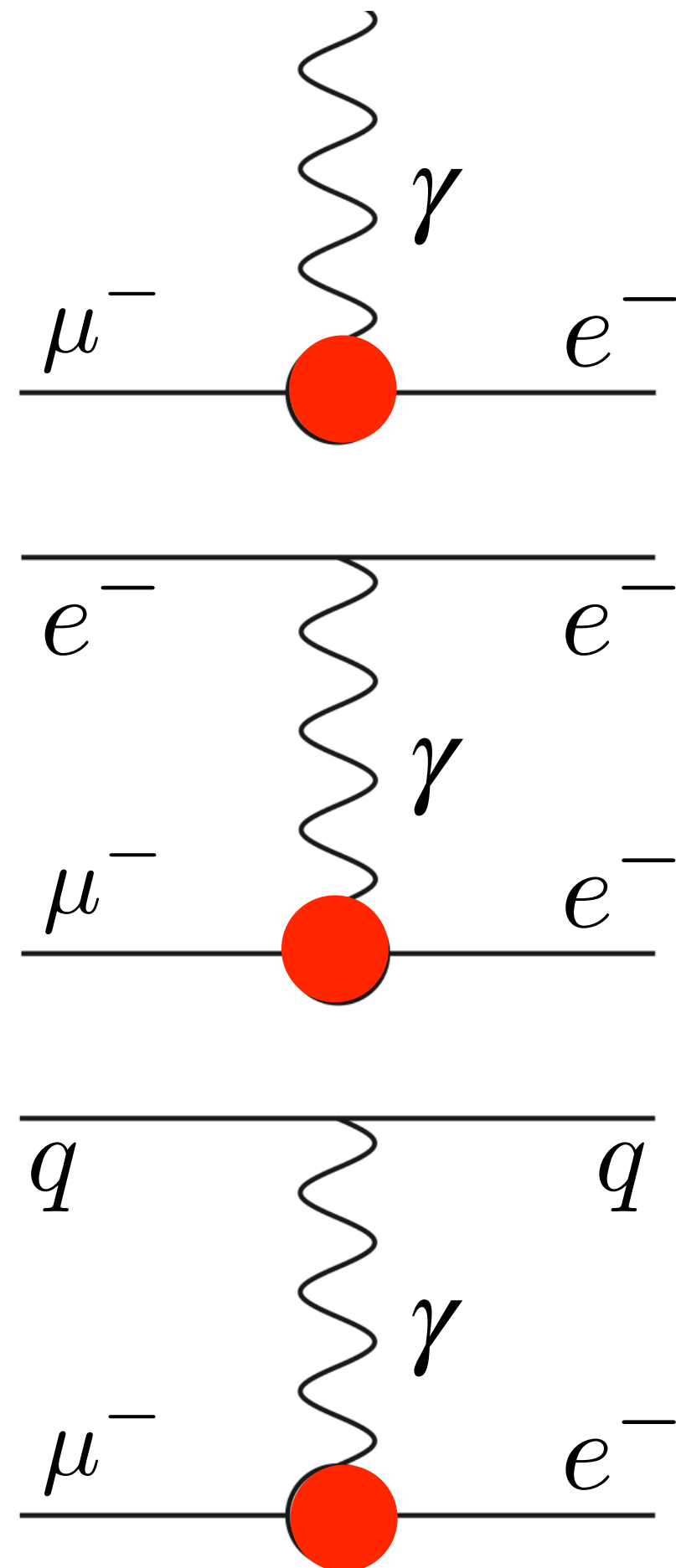
# $\mu \rightarrow e$ CLFV Golden Processes

$$\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma$$

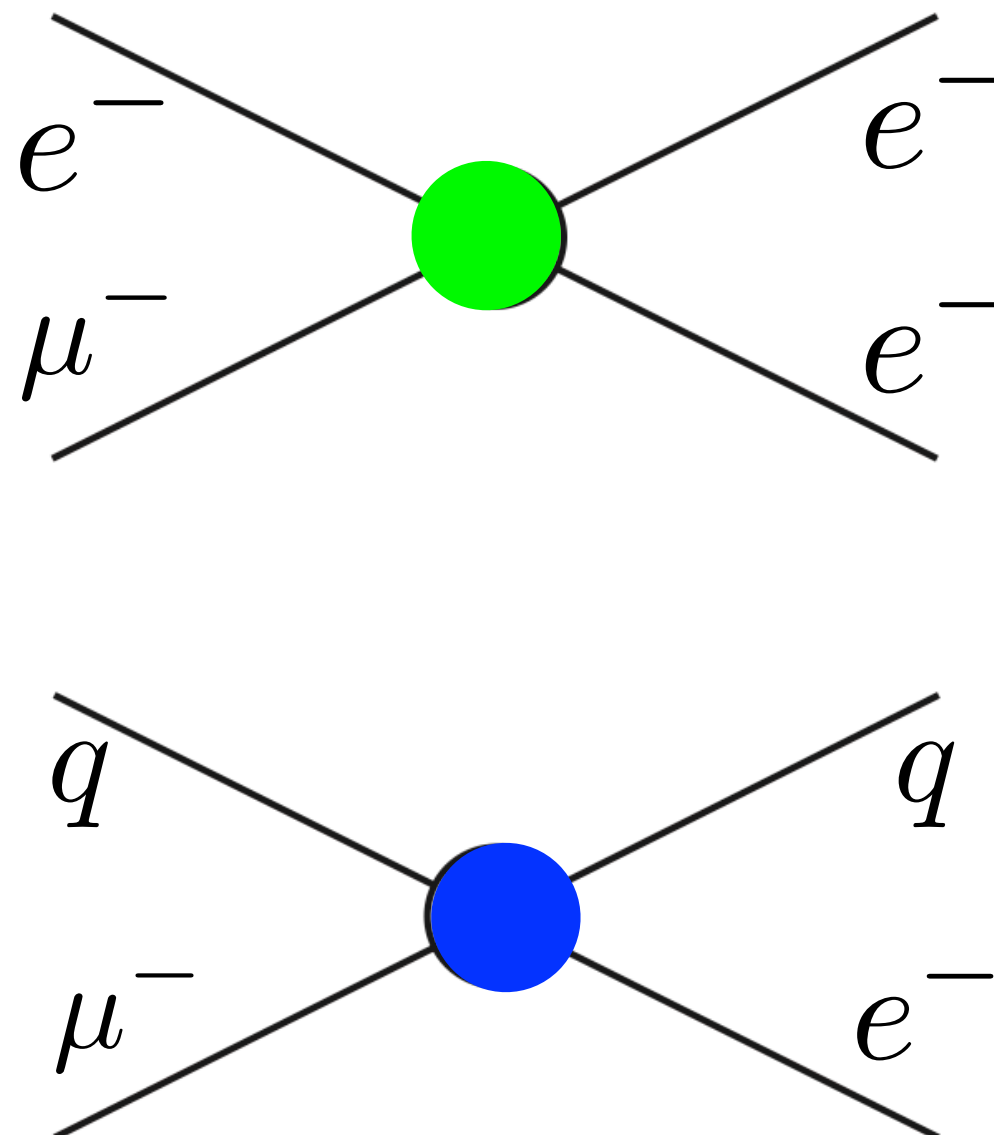
$$\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ e^+ e^-$$

$$\mu^- N \rightarrow e^- N$$

dipole interaction



contact interaction



Effective Field Theory (EFT)

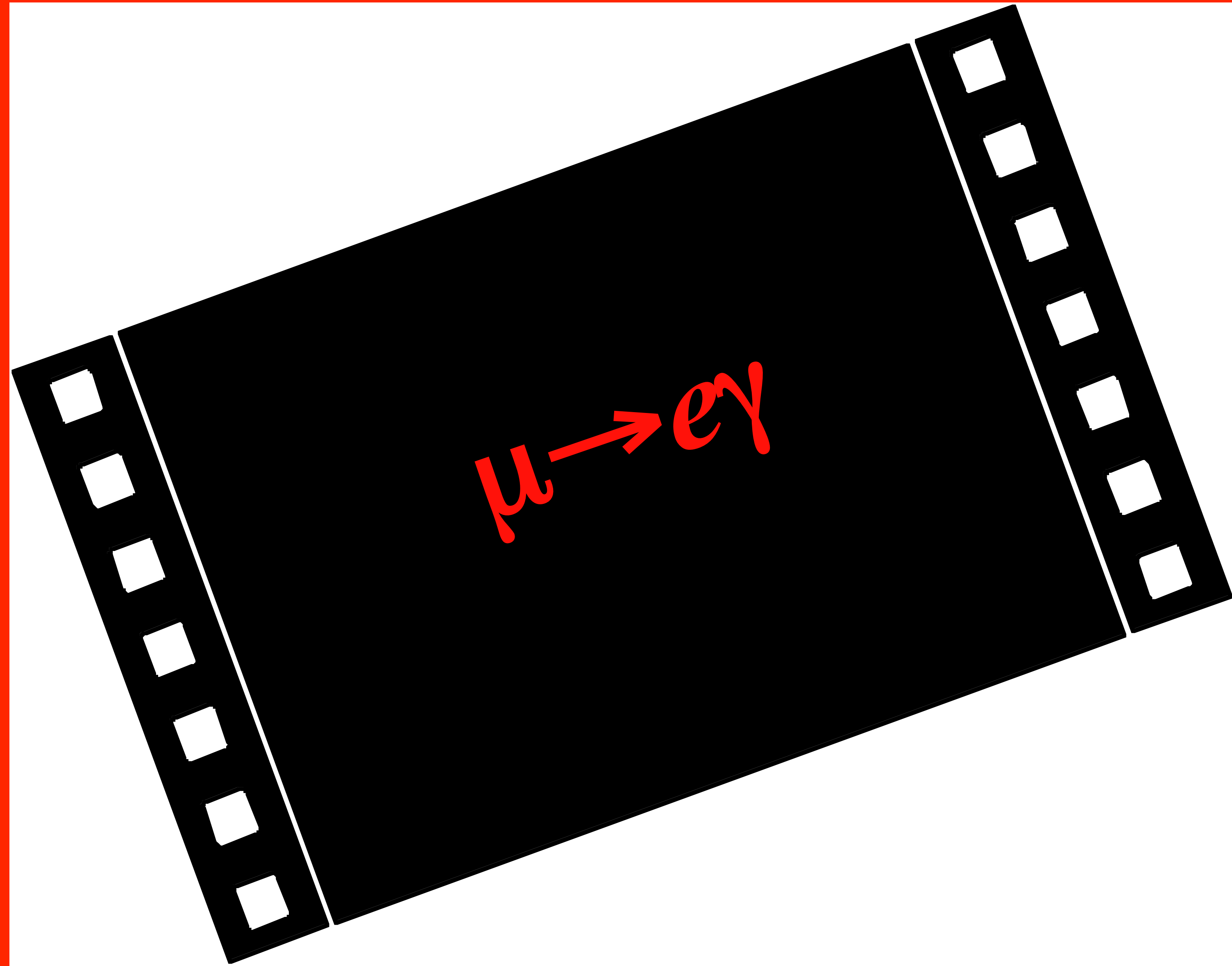
- dipole operators (left and right)
- six contact operators (scalar and vector)
- scalar, vector (spin independent)
- axial vector, tensor (spin dependent)



MEG II, Mu3e and COMET









# MEG II : $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma$

- Event Signature ( $\mu^+$  decay at rest)

- $E_e = E_\gamma = m_\mu/2$  (=52.8 MeV)

- angle  $\theta_{e\gamma}=180$  degrees

- time coincidence  $\Delta t_{e\gamma}$

- Backgrounds

- physics background,  $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu \bar{\nu} \gamma$

- accidental background

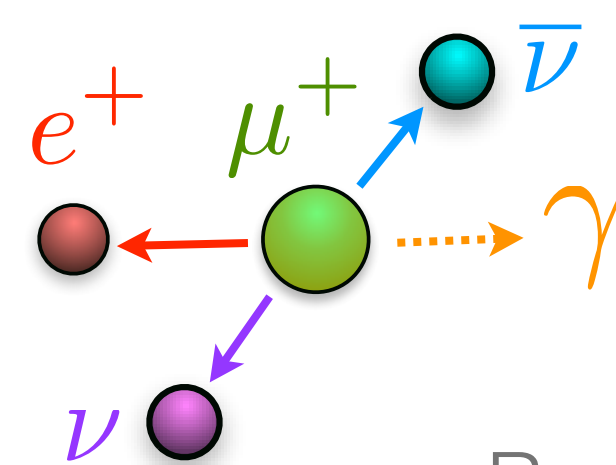
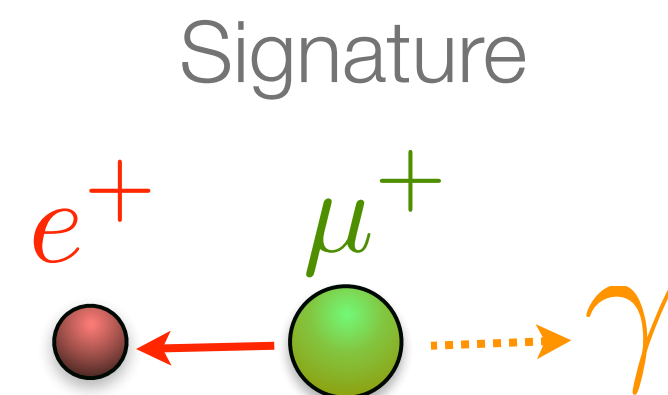
- $e^+$  in  $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$  and

- $\gamma$  in  $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu \bar{\nu} \gamma$  or AIF

- Current limit

- MEG experiment at PSI

- $B(\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma) < 4.2 \times 10^{-13}$



Backgrounds

New electronics:  
Wavedream

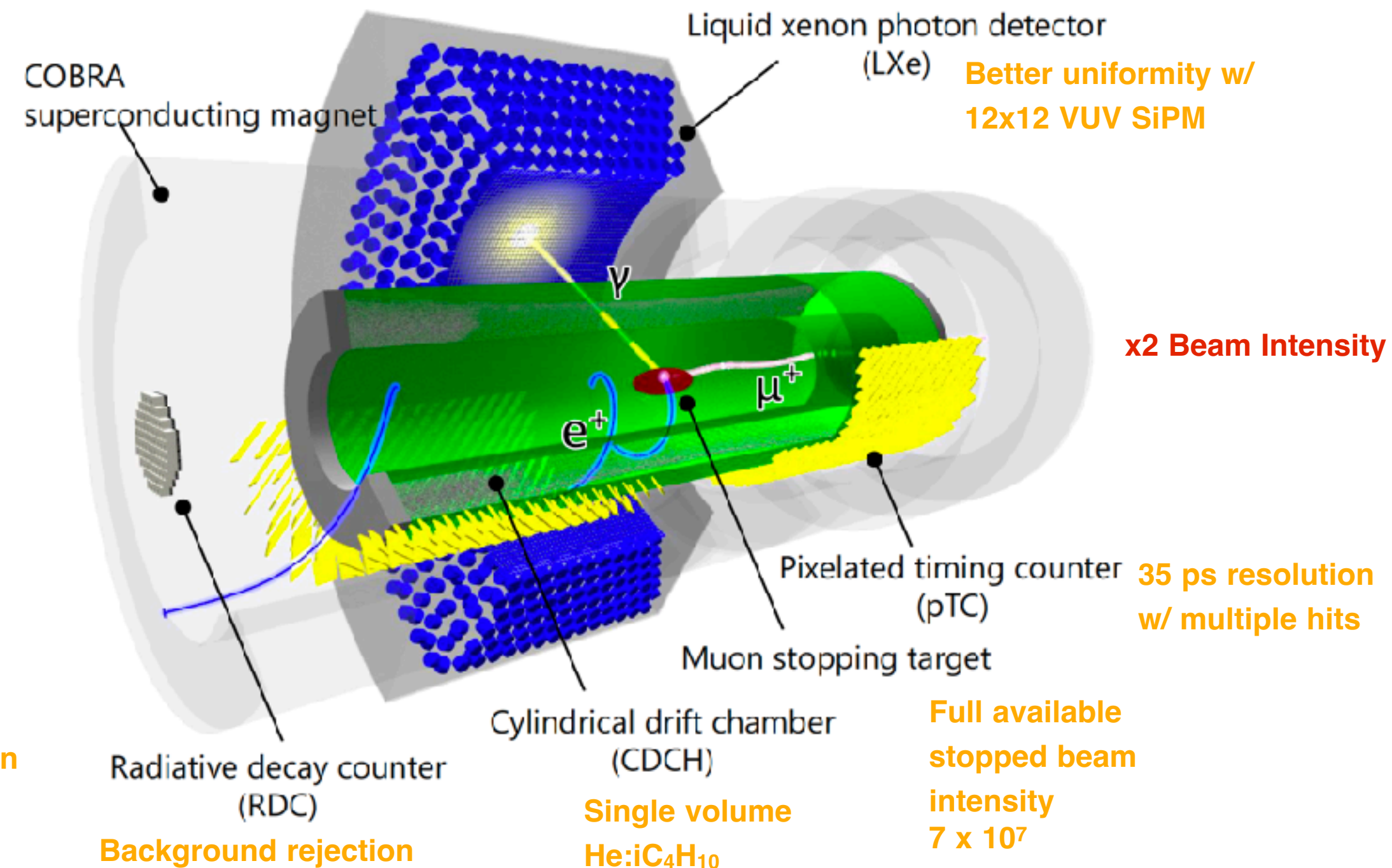
~9000  
channels at  
5GSPS

x2 Resolution  
everywhere

Updated and  
new Calibration  
methods

Quasi mono-  
chromatic positron  
beam

MEG II



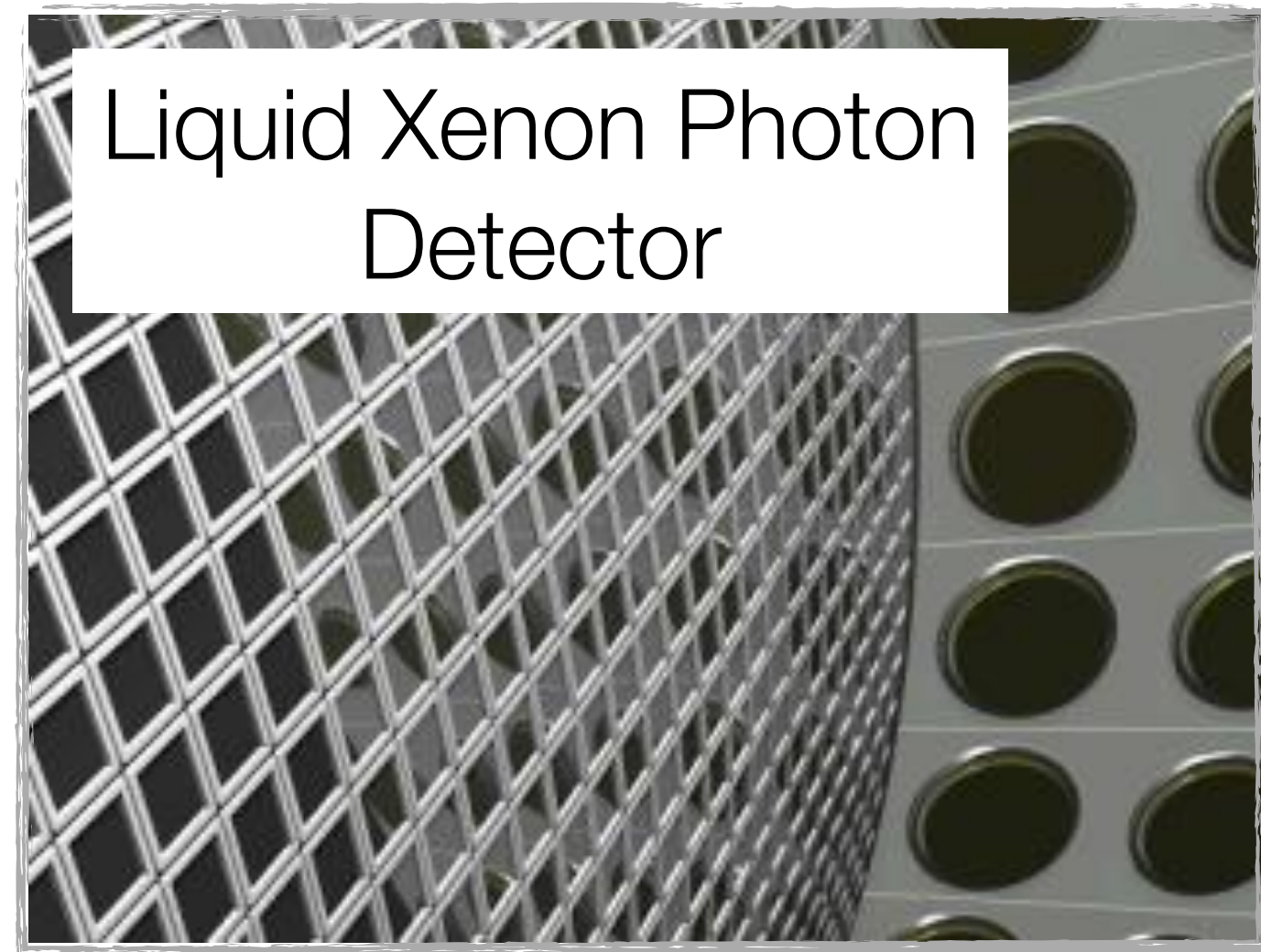
MEG II :  $B(\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma) < 6 \times 10^{-14}$

- x2 muon beam intensity
- x2 all detector resolution
- x2 efficiency

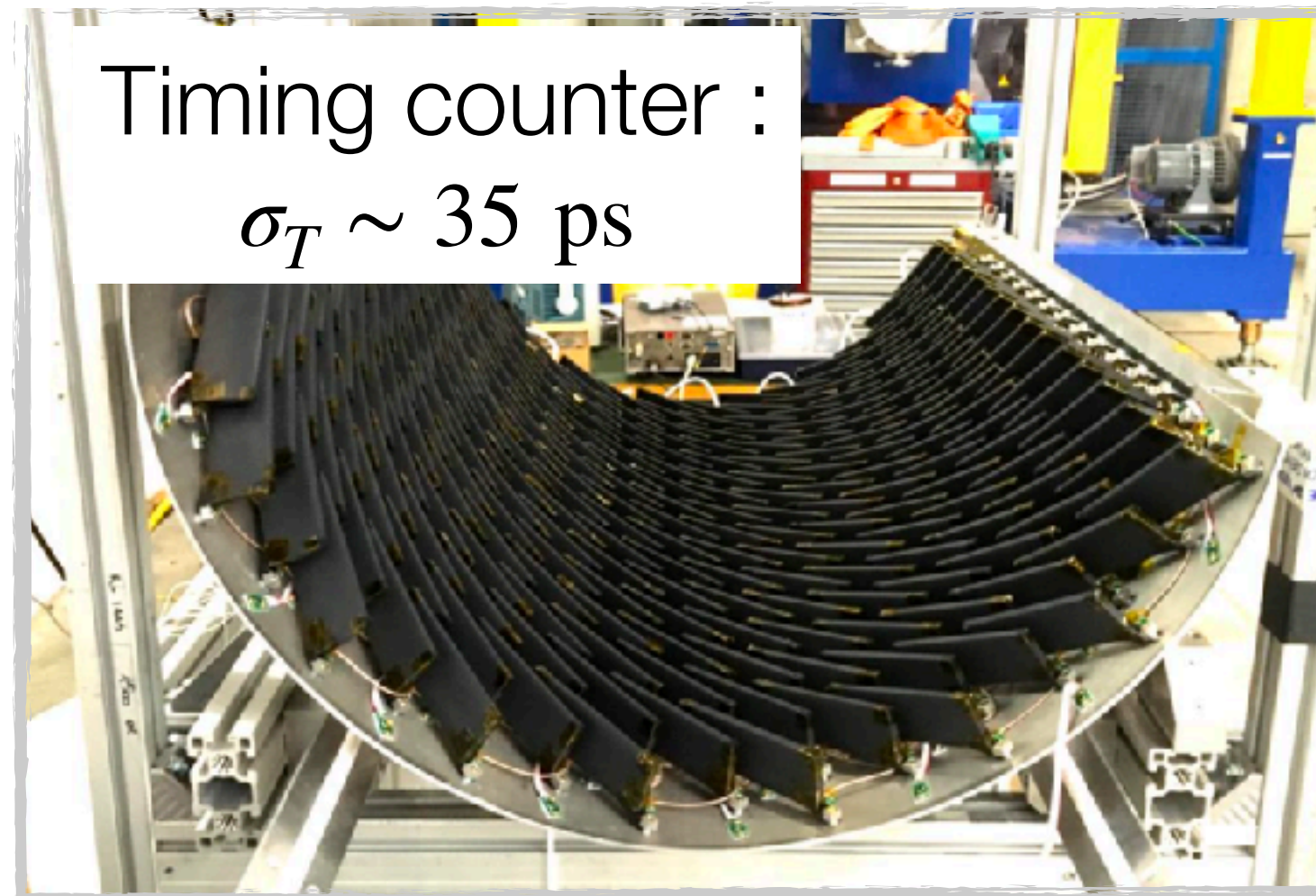


# MEG II Detector Upgrade

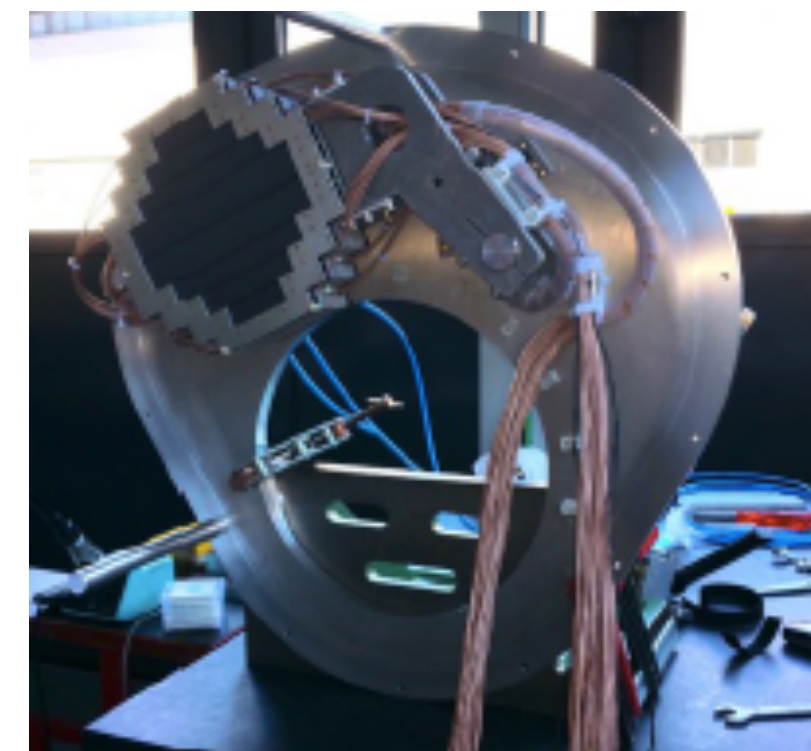
Liquid Xenon Photon Detector



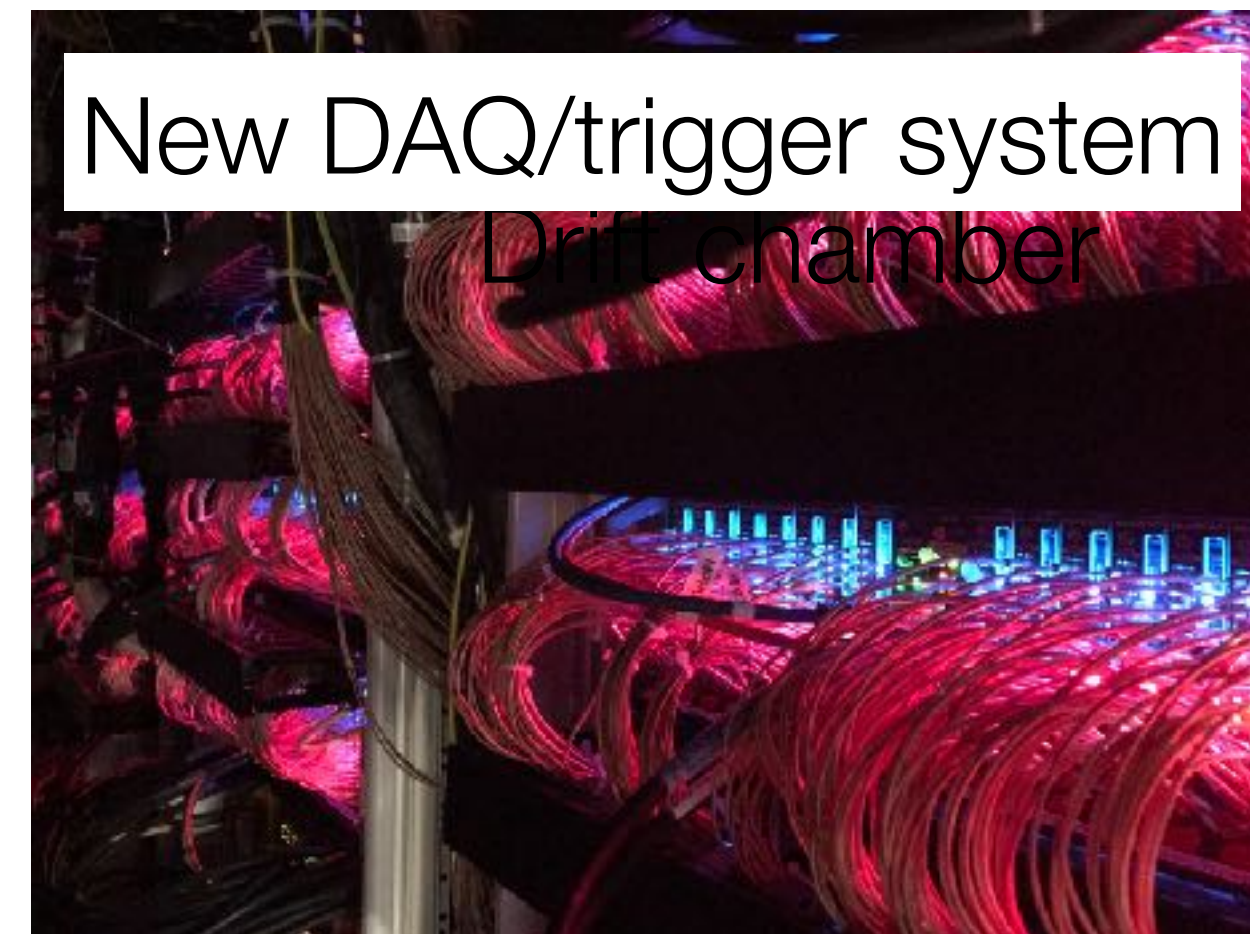
Timing counter :  
 $\sigma_T \sim 35$  ps



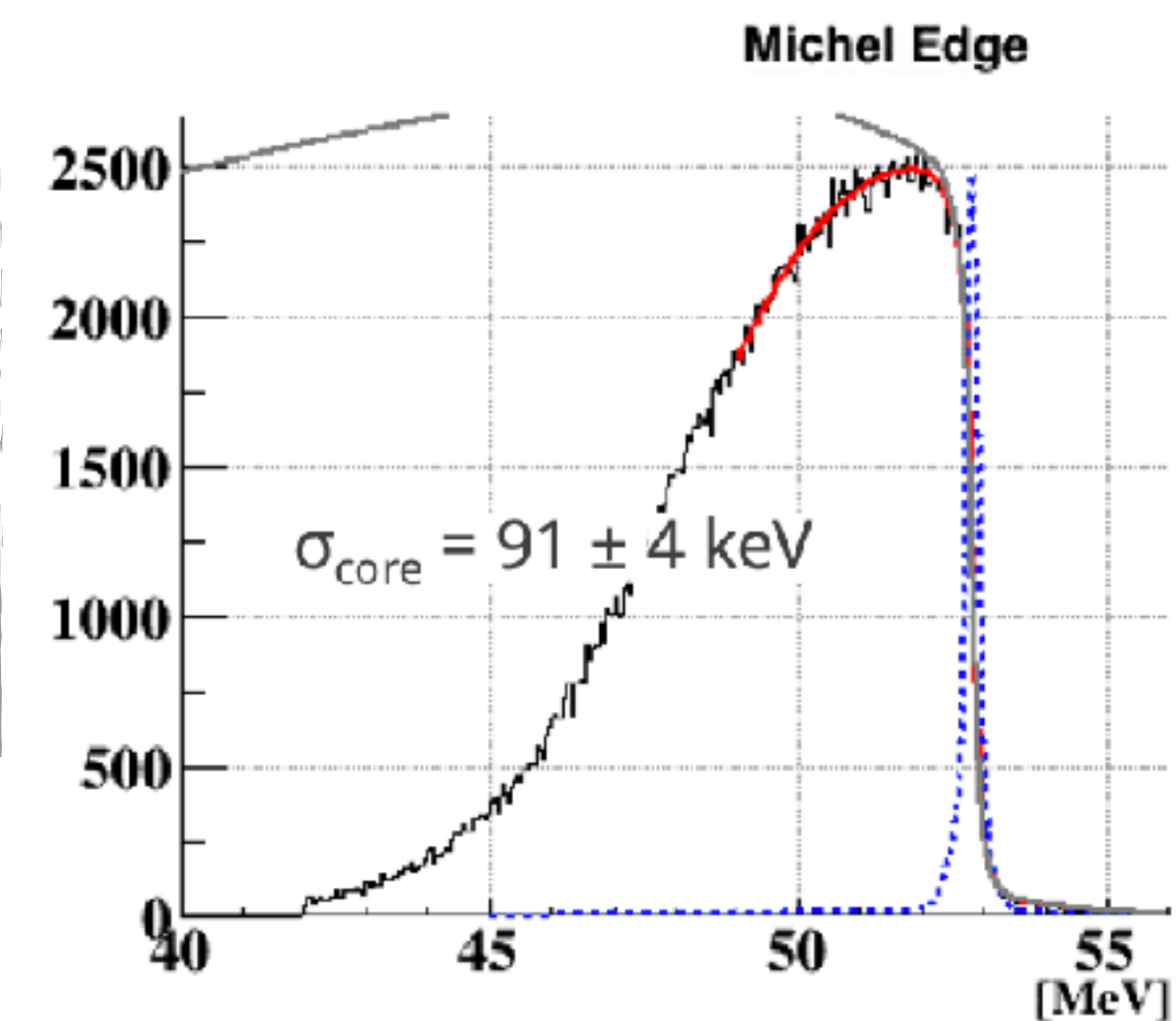
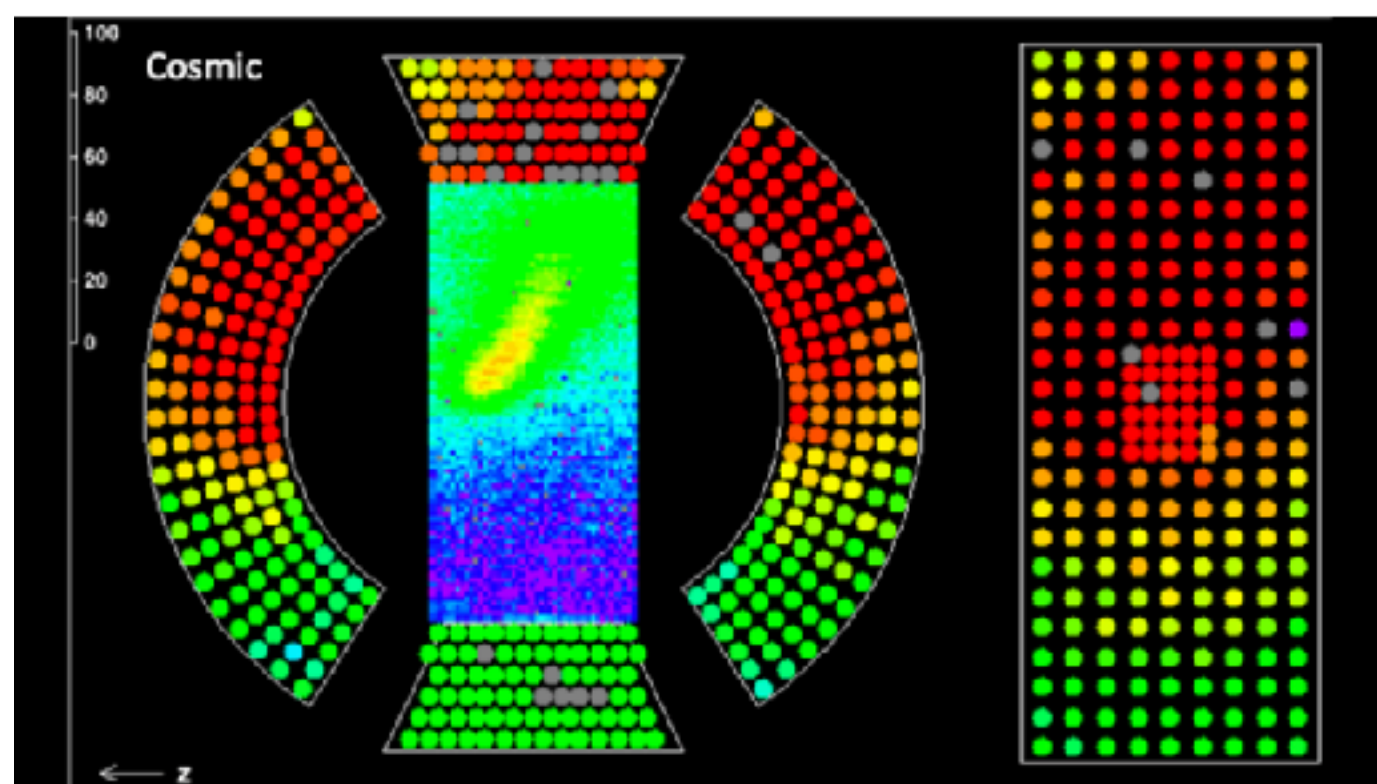
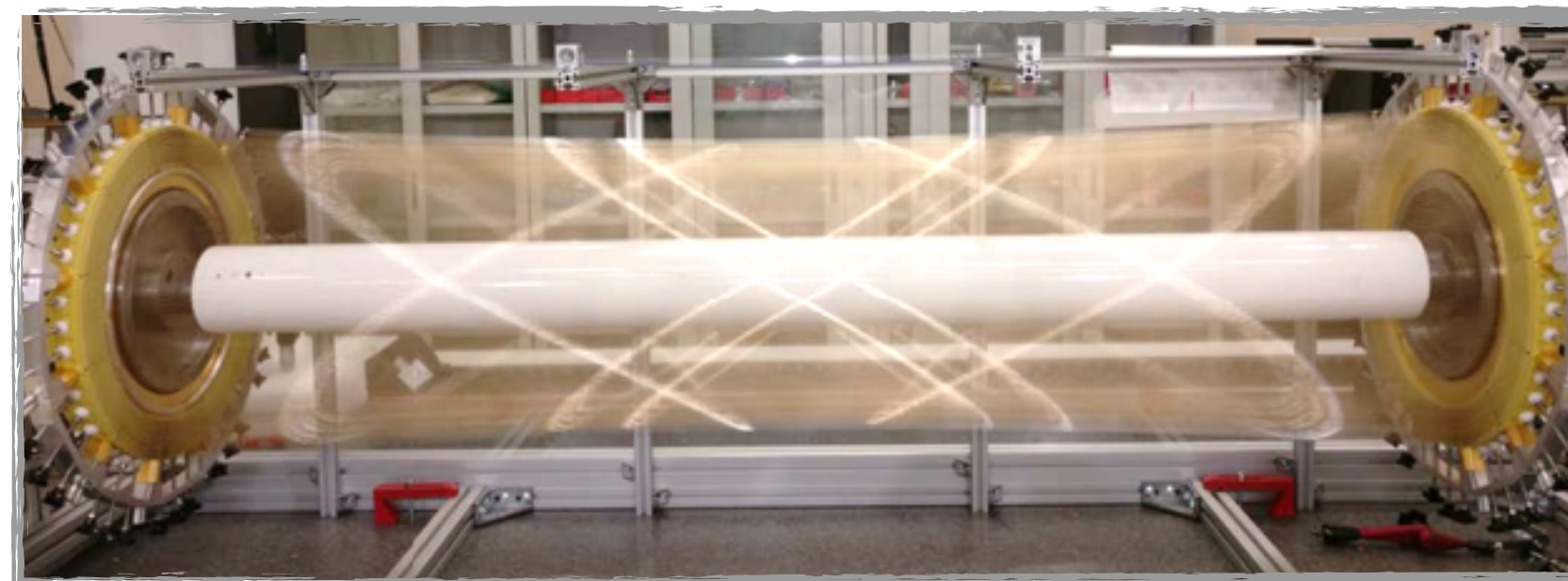
RDC detector



New DAQ/trigger system  
Drift chamber



Cylindrical drift chamber



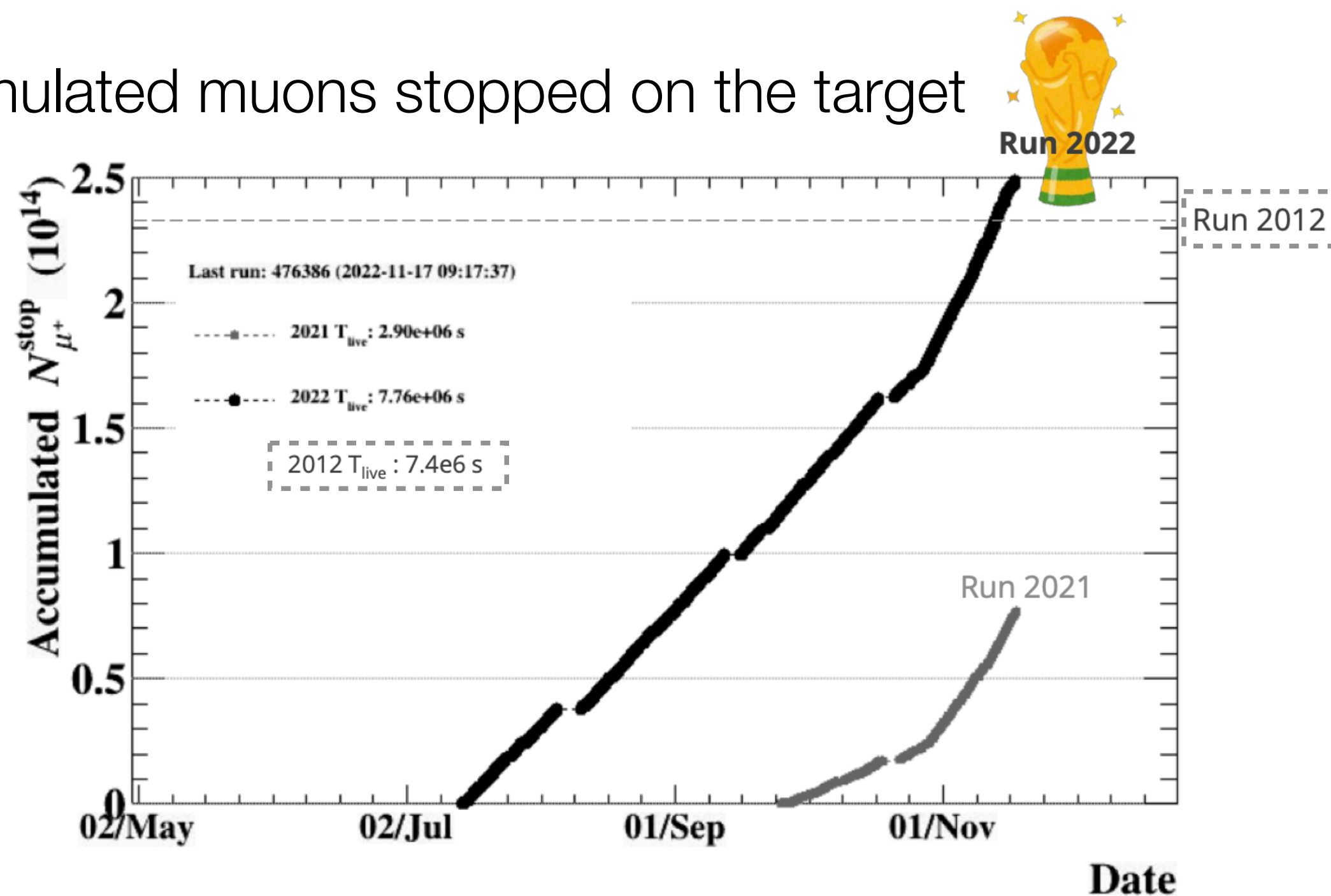


# MEG II physics run 2022

- **MEG II Physics Run 2022**

- the longest run so far
- x3 of the MEG II 2021 run
- > the MEG longest run in 2012

accumulated muons stopped on the target



G. Cavoto, A. Papa, F. Renga, E. Ripiccini, C. Voena, Eur. Phys. J. C (2018) 78:37

- **Exotic Particle Searches with MEG II**

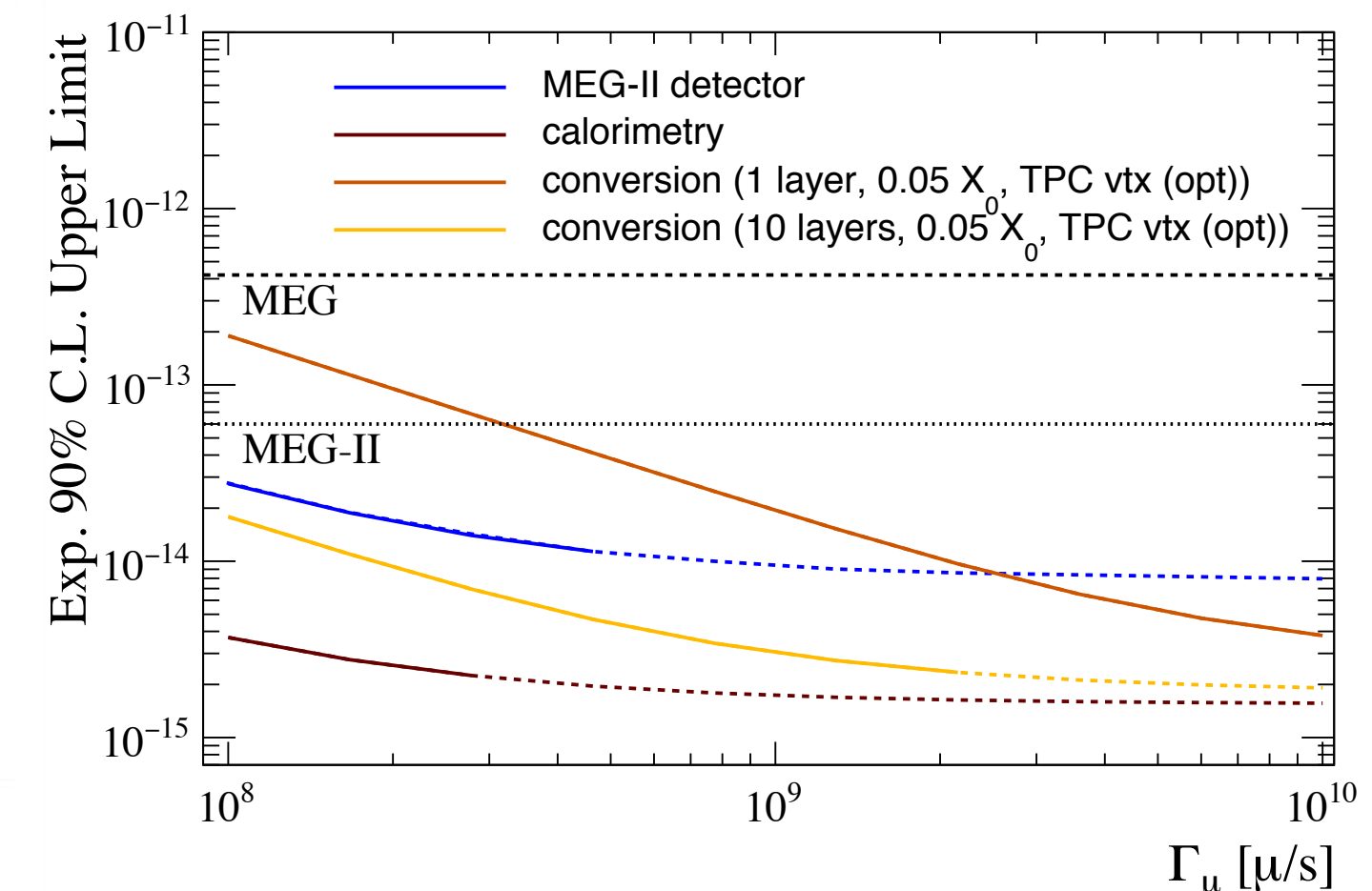
- $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ X; X \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
- $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ a$
- $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ a \gamma$

A. Baldini et al. (MEG Collaboration),  
Eur. Phys. J. C80 (2020) 858

- The X17 new boson (w/o a muon beam)

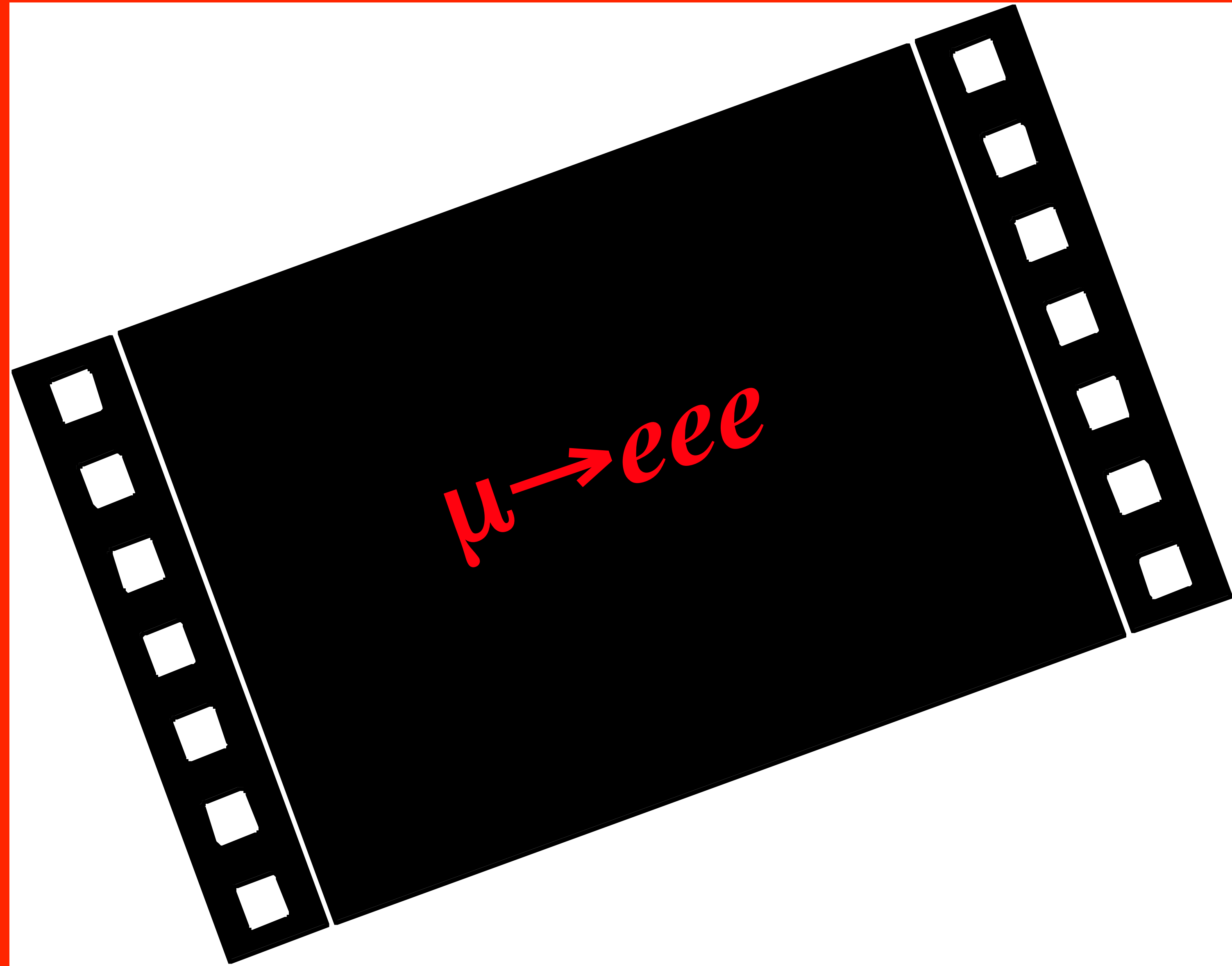
- **Beyond MEG II**

- $O(10^{10})$  muons
- photon detection
  - conversion
  - calorimeter



## Timeline

- Physics runs in 2021, 2022, 2023 - 2025, (2026)
- PSI HIPA accelerator shutdown for the HiMB installation in 2027-2028

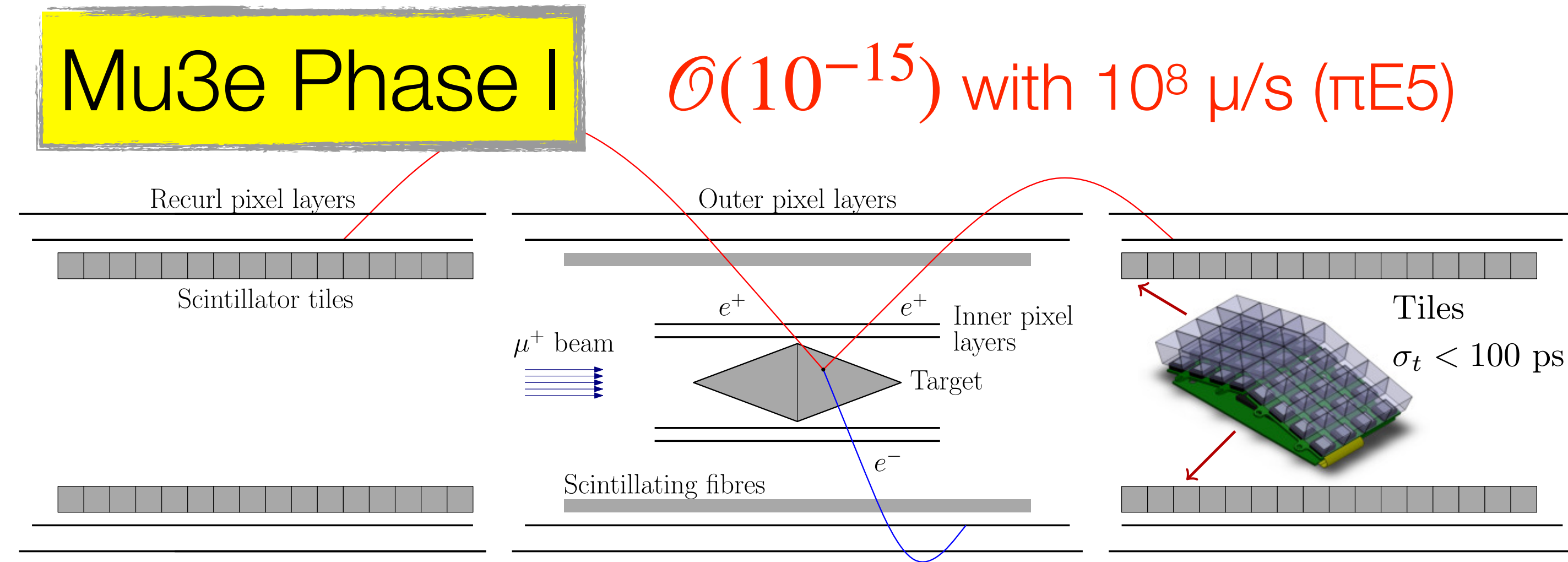




# $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ e^+ e^-$ ; Mu3e at PSI



- **Event Signature** ( $\mu^+$  decay at rest)
  - $\sum E_e = m_\mu$  and  $\sum \vec{p}_e = 0$
  - common vertex and time coincidence
- **Backgrounds**
  - Physics backgrounds,  
 $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e \bar{\nu}_\mu e^+ e^-$
  - Accidental backgrounds from Michel decays + Bhabha scattering
- **Current limits (from SINDRUM at PSI),**
  - $B(\mu \rightarrow eee) < 1.0 \times 10^{-12}$  (90% C.L.)
  - 1988
- $\mu \rightarrow eee$  Spectrum to be detected
  - depends on the models
  - low momentum threshold, important

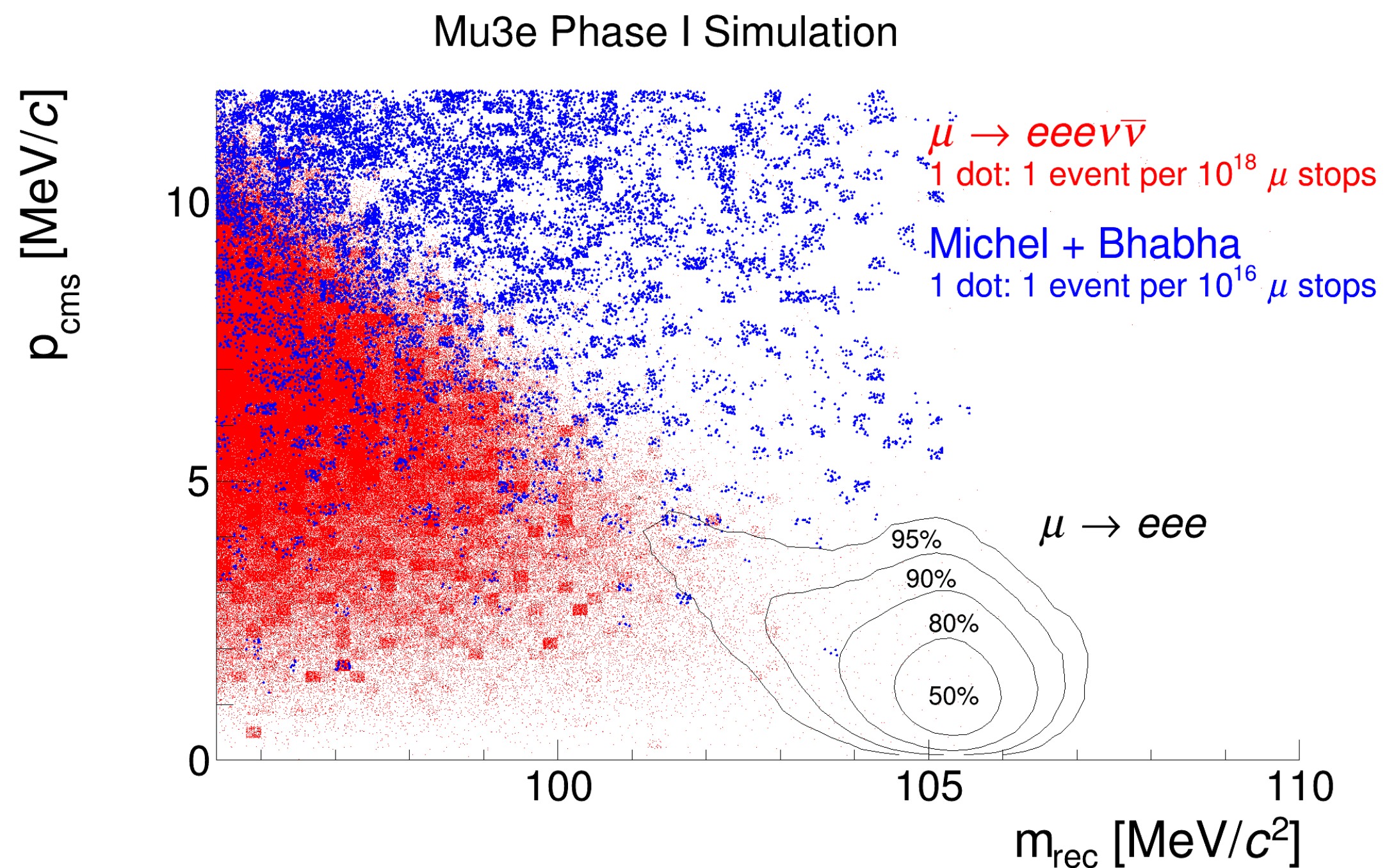


- Ultra thin pixel detector ( $0.01 X_0$  per layer)
  - High-Voltage Monolithic Active Pixel Sensors
- Fiber timing detector (250 ps)
- Scintillator tile timing detector (50 ps)
- 1 T superconducting solenoid

# Mu3e Phase I Sensitivity



## Performance (simulation)

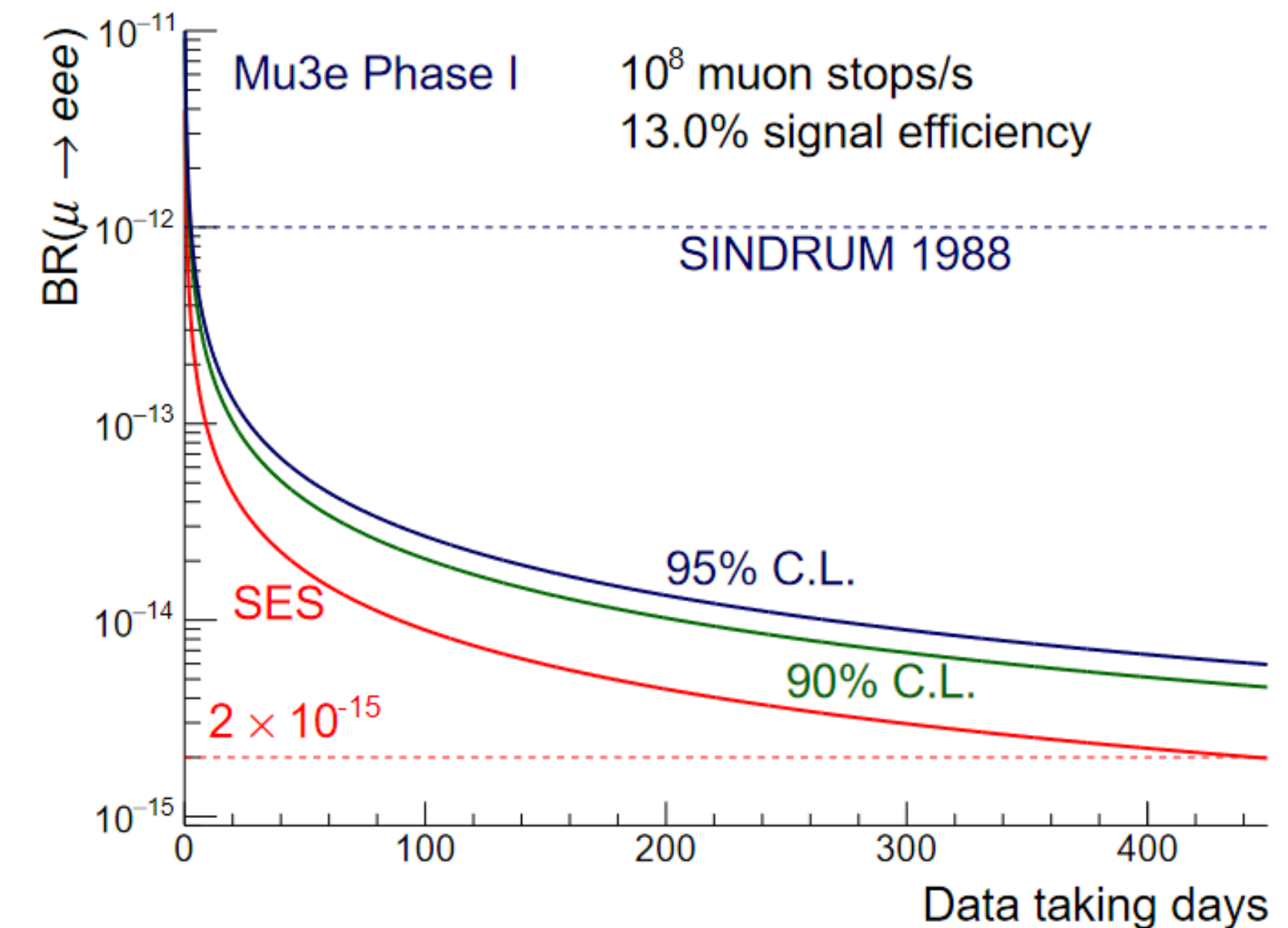


- Exotic searches at Mu3e

- $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ a$

- resonance search  $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu \bar{\nu} a; a \rightarrow e^+ e^-$

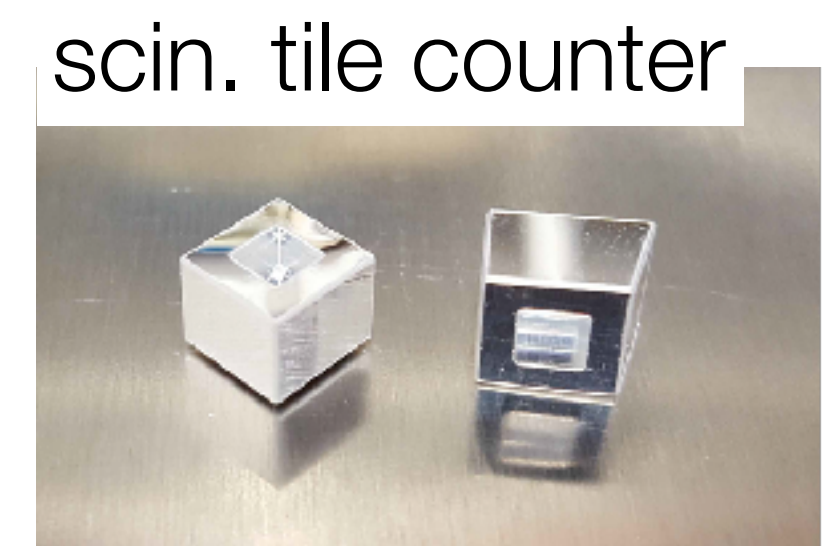
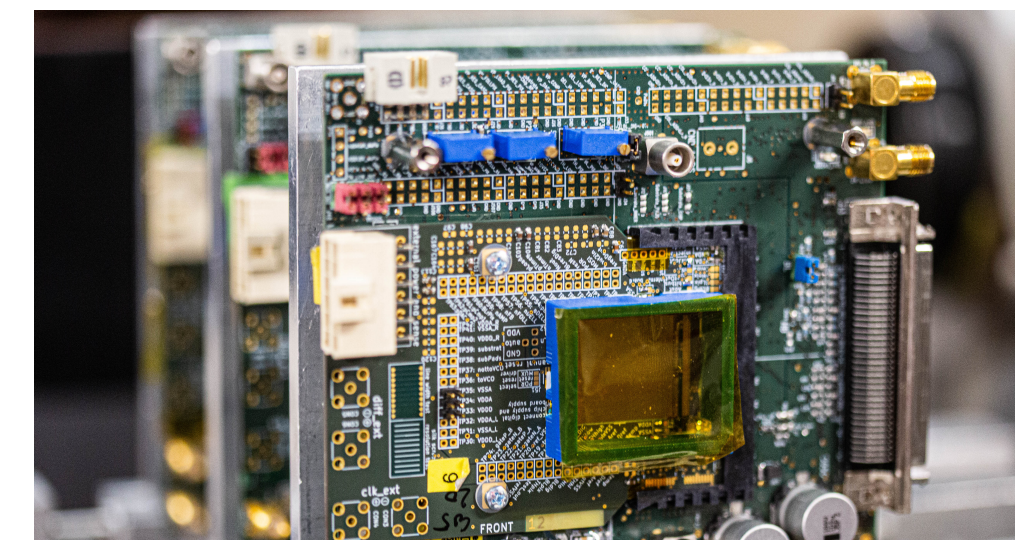
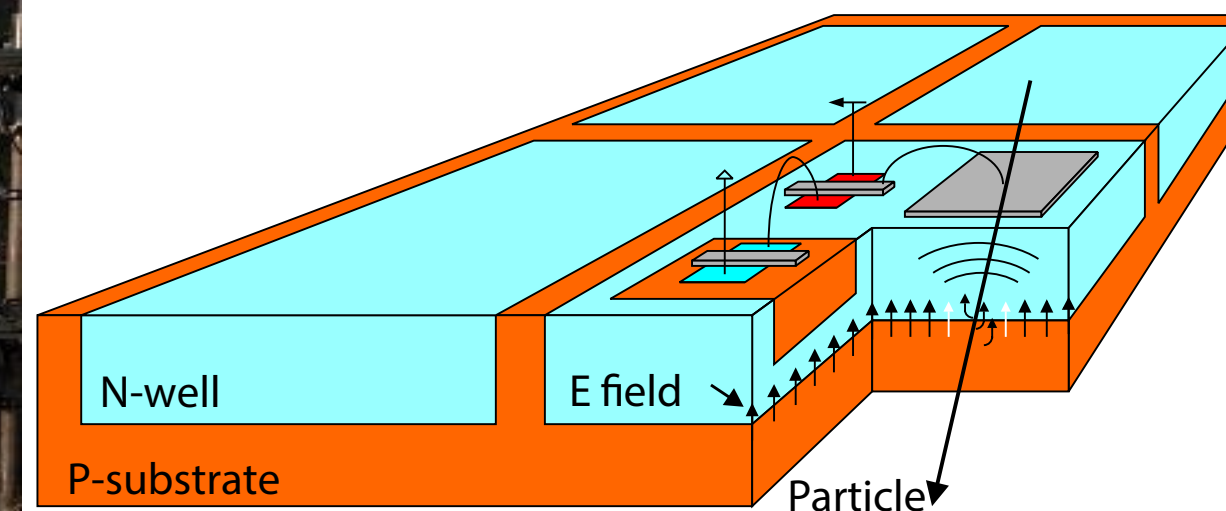
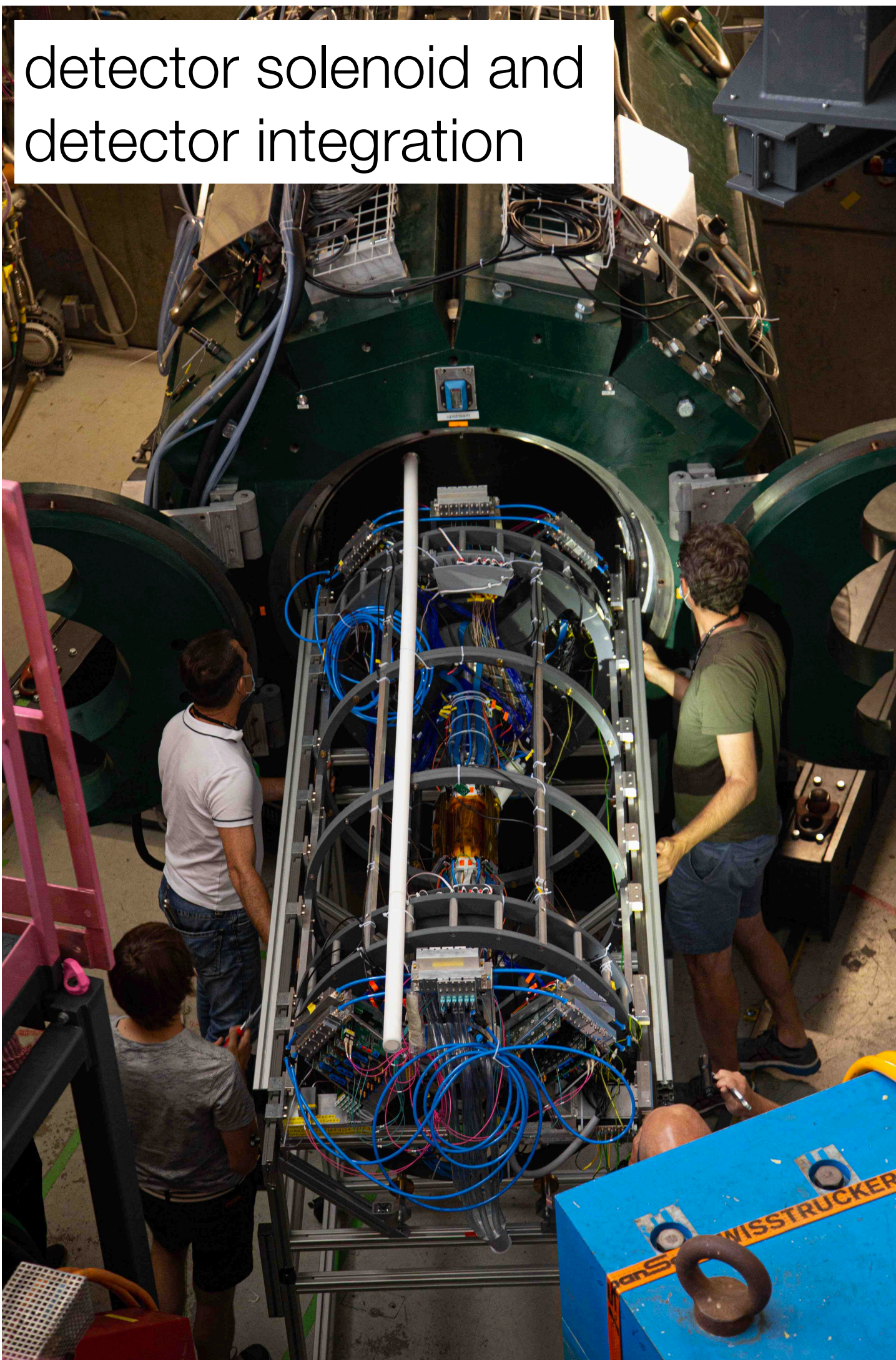
## Sensitivity



arXiv:1812.00741



# Mu3e Preparation Status



## Timeline

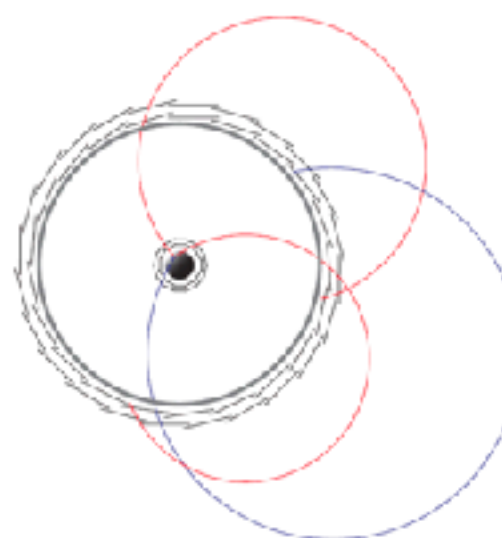
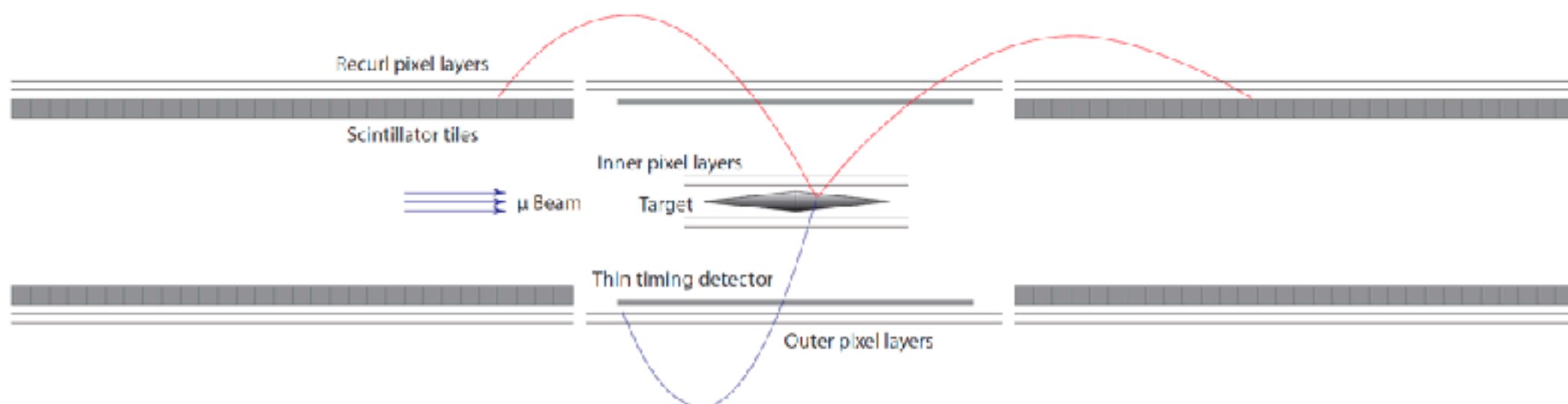
- Integration run in 2021
- Cosmic run in 2022
- Phase I commissioning in 2024
- Phase I physics run in late 2024
- HiMB installation in 2027-2028



# Mu3e Phase II

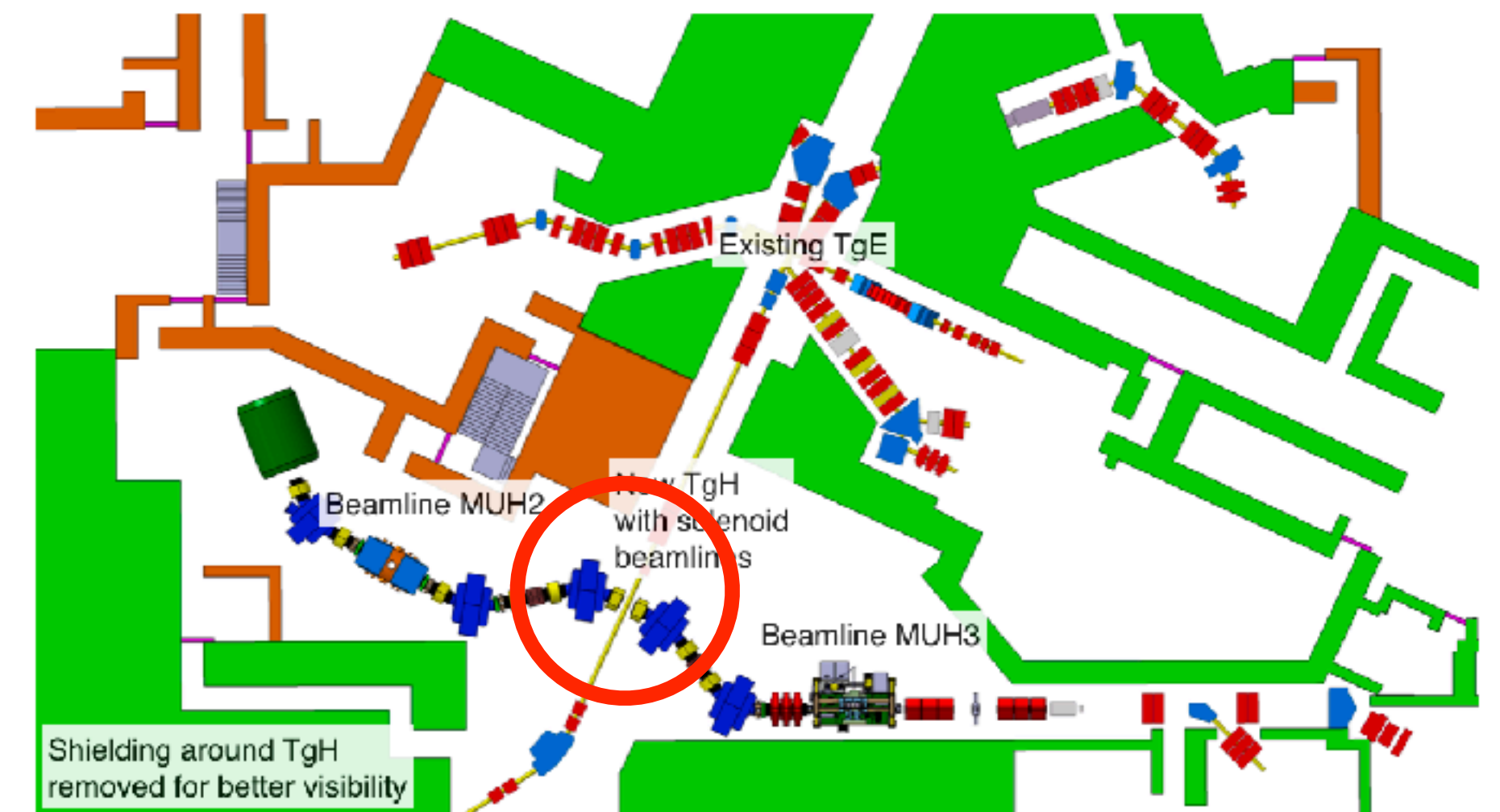
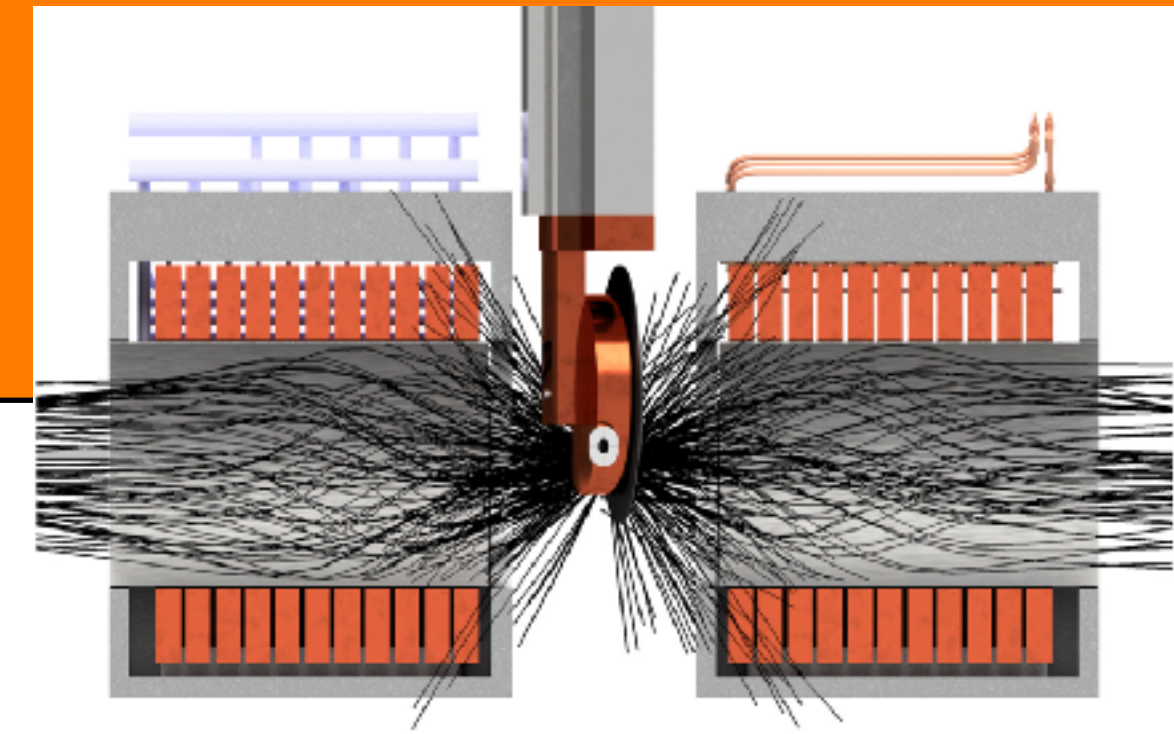
## Mu3e Phase II

- Ultimate sensitivity goal of  $BR < 1 \times 10^{-16}$
- Upgraded Mu3e detector
  - elongated recurl pixel station
  - muon target with smaller radius
  - thinner pixel detector
- muon intensity  $2 \times 10^9/\text{sec}$  from HiMB
- scheduled after 2029




## HiMB

- High Intensity Muon Beamline (HiMB) at PSI
- Surface muon ( $\mu^+$ ) beam,  $O(10^{10})/\text{s}$
- New target and new capturing solenoids
- Installation in 2027-2028
- Planned to be operational in 2029



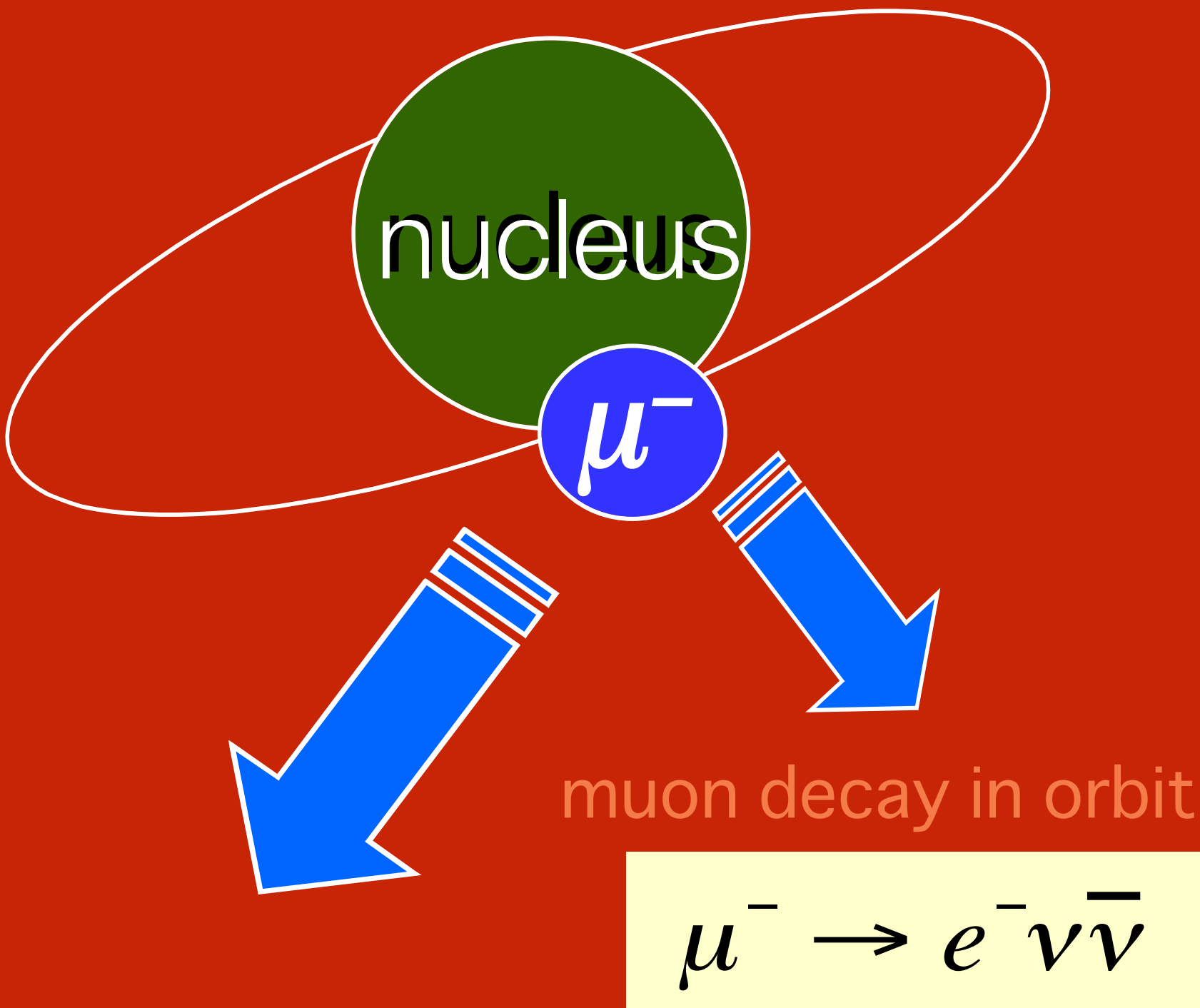




$\mu \rightarrow e$  conversion  
in  
a muonic atom

# What is $\mu^- \rightarrow e^-$ Conversion ?

1s state in a muonic atom



nuclear muon capture

$$\mu^- + (A, Z) \rightarrow \nu_\mu + (A, Z - 1)$$

$$\mu^- + (A, Z) \rightarrow e^- + (A, Z)$$

coherent process (for transition to ground state)

**Event Signature :**  
a mono-energetic electron  
(one particle measurement allows higher muon rates.)

$$E_{\mu e} \approx m_\mu - E_{bound\ \mu} - E_{recoil} \approx 105\text{ MeV}$$

- Backgrounds:**
- (1) physics backgrounds (muon decay in orbit)
  - (2) beam-related backgrounds
  - (3) cosmic rays, false tracking

**Conversion rate:**

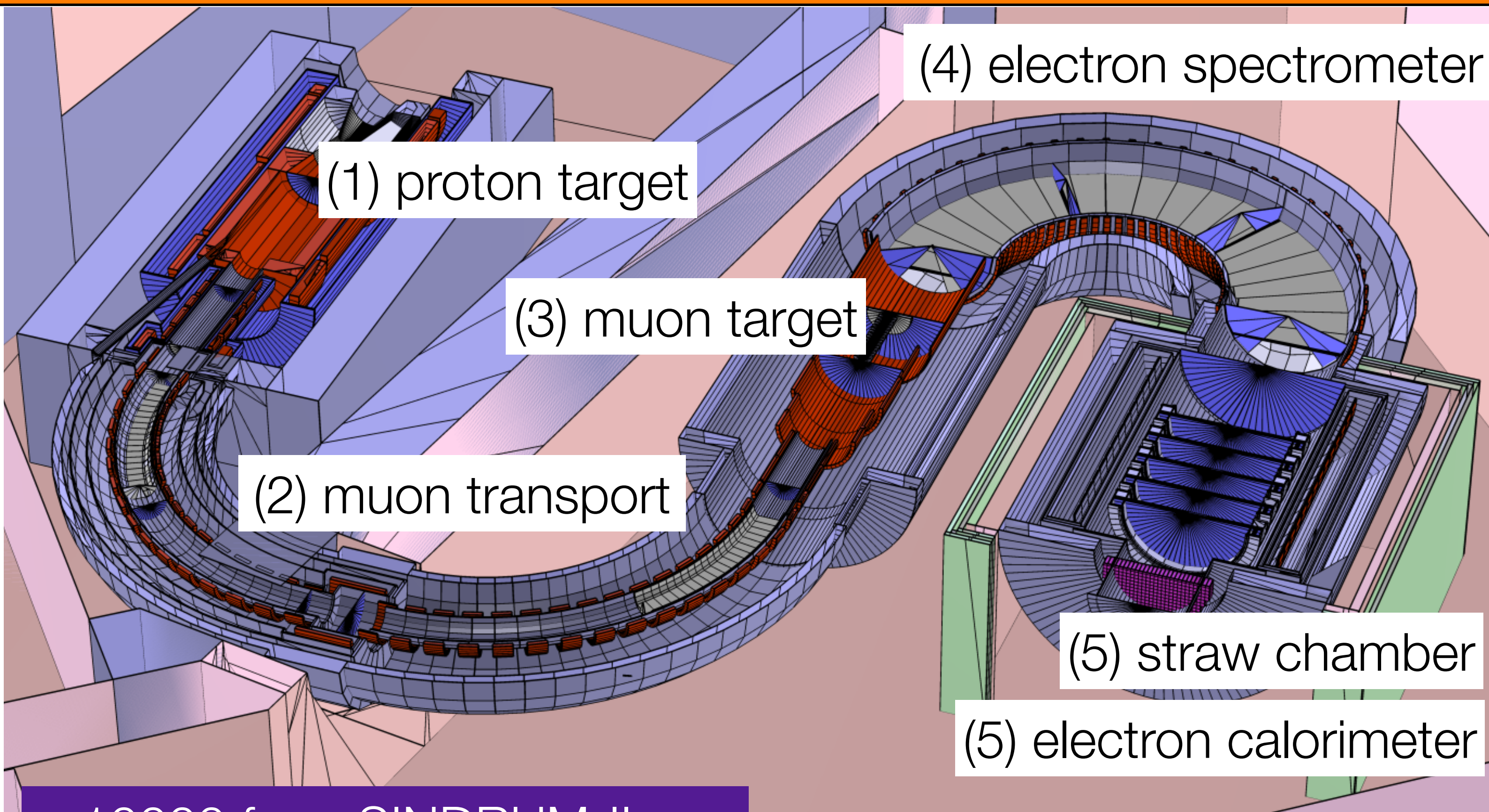
$$\text{CR}(\mu^-N \rightarrow e^-N) \equiv \frac{\Gamma(\mu^-N \rightarrow e^-N)}{\Gamma(\mu^-N \rightarrow \text{all})}$$

nucleus	Z	CR limit
sulfur	16	$7 \times 10^{-11}$
titanium	22	$4.3 \times 10^{-12}$
copper	39	$1.6 \times 10^{-8}$
gold	79	$7 \times 10^{-13}$
lead	82	$4.6 \times 10^{-11}$



- COMET= COherent Muon to Electron Transition

# COMET at J-PARC



- (1) Proton target under 5 T solenoid field to collect many pions.
- (2) Muon transport :  $\mu$ -s are momentum and charge selected by curved solenoid.
- (3) Muon target: 17 aluminium disks.
- (4) Electron spectrometer : Electrons of 105 MeV/c are selected by curved solenoid.
- (5) Detector : straw chambers and followed an electron calorimeter.

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- Other physics:
    - $\mu^- N \rightarrow e^+ N'$  (CLFV and LNV)
    - bound  $\mu^- \rightarrow e^- a$

- x10000 from SINDRUM-II
- 90% CL limit :  $< 4.6 \times 10^{-17}$
- Total background: 0.32 events
- Running time:  $2 \times 10^7$  sec

- Proton beam, 8 GeV, 56kW
- $O(10^{11})$  stopped muons/s



# COMET Staged Approach



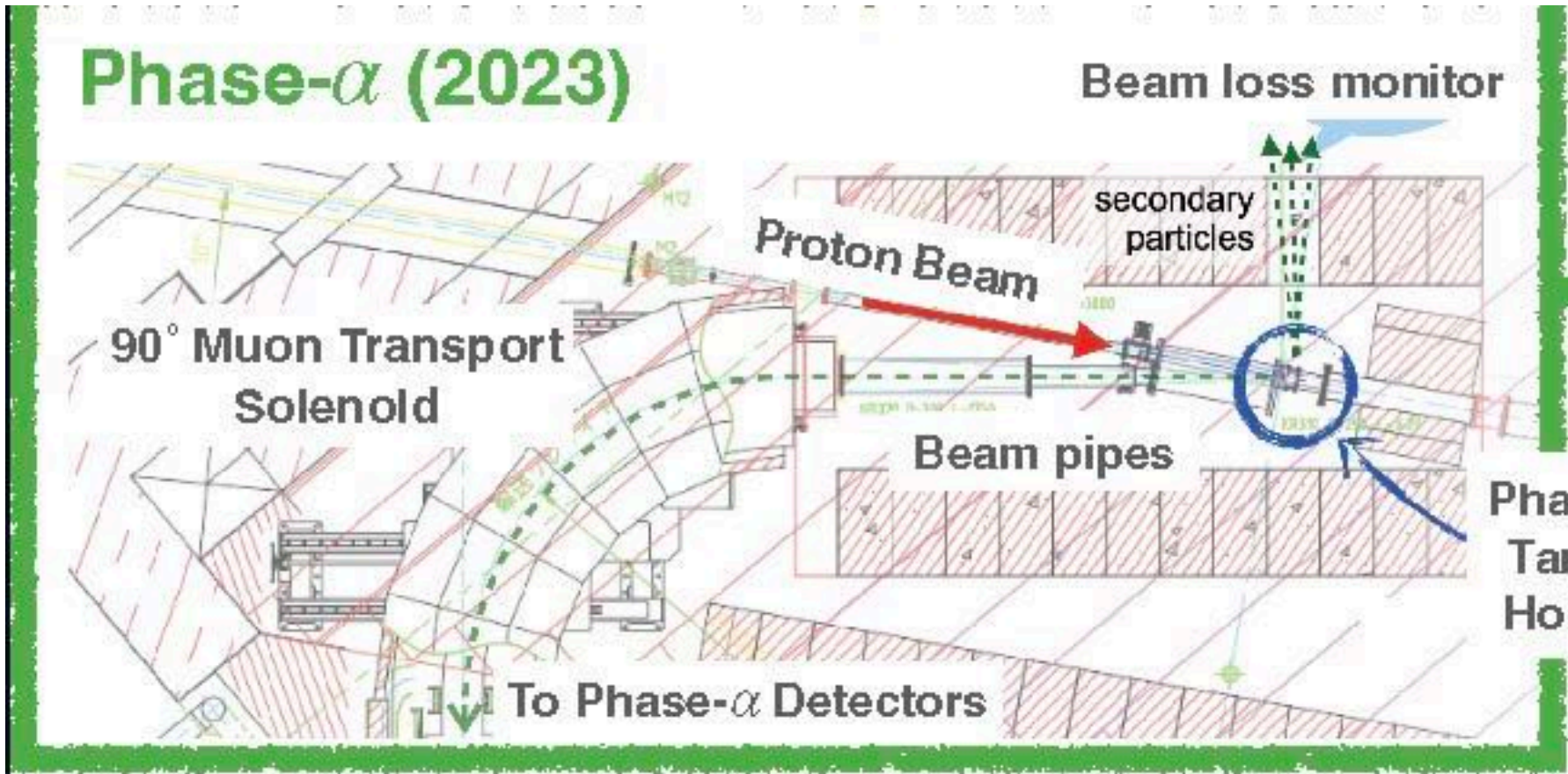
## COMET Phase-I

- x100 from SINDRUM-II
- Proton beam, 8 GeV, 3.2 kW
- $1.2 \times 10^9$  stopped muons/s
- under construction

cylindrical drift chamber (CDC)

cosmic ray veto (CRV)

	Phase-I	Phase-II	(Phase-II)+
proton beam	8 GeV, 3.2 kW	8 GeV, 56 kW	8 GeV, 56 kW
proton target	graphite	tungsten	tungsten
transport	90° bend	180° bend	180° bend
muons stop	$1.2 \times 10^9/\text{s}$	$1 \times 10^{18}$	$2 \times 10^{11}/\text{s}$
run time	150 days	200 days	300 days
detector	CyDet	StrECAL	StrECAL
90% CL	$< 7 \times 10^{-15}$	$< 4.6 \times 10^{-17}$	$< 7 \times 10^{-18}$
backgrounds	0.03 events	0.32 events	0.6 events



COMET  
proton beam  
commissioning  
w/o  
pion capture  
solenoid



# COMET Phase-I : Status



Pion Capture Solenoid

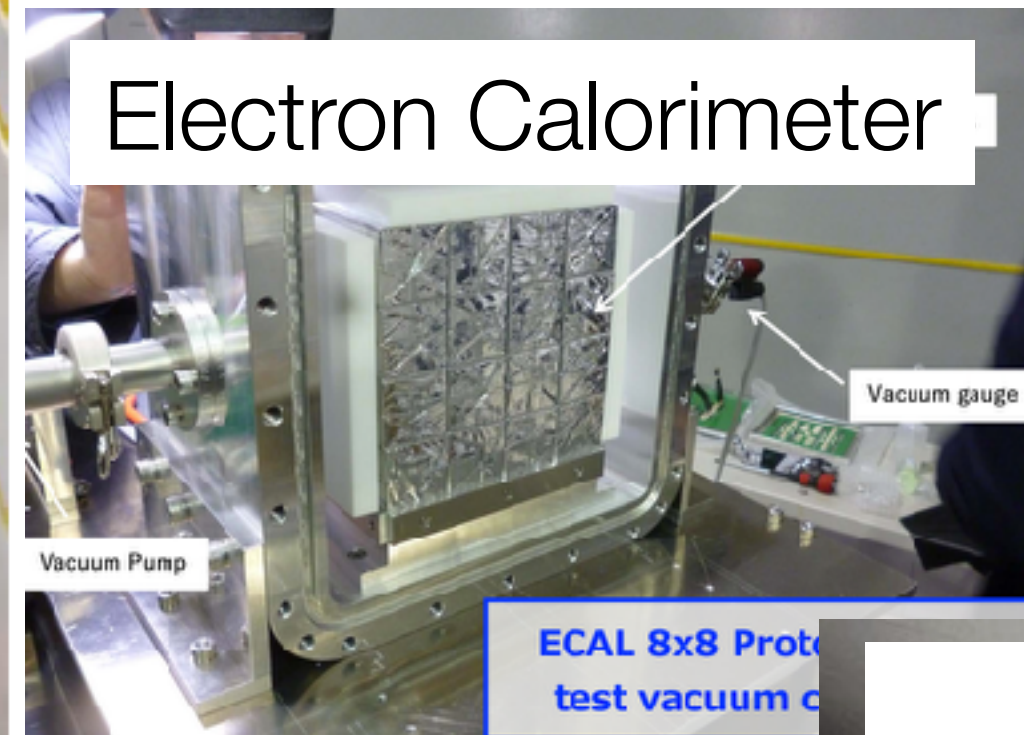


CS cold mass

Muon Transport Solenoid

MTS

Electron Calorimeter



straw chamber



First beam in  
COMET Phase-alpha



cylindrical drift chamber

cosmic ray veto

## Timeline

- Phase- $\alpha$  in 2023 (finish last week!)
- Phase-I engineering run in 2024/2025
- Phase-I physics run start from 2024/2025
- Phase-II follows



# Summary

- Muon CLFV processes provide a unique discovery potential for physics beyond the Standard Model.
- The muon CLFV programs, MEG II, Mu3e, Mu2e and COMET, are expecting significant experimental progress in coming years.

Thank you for  
your attention!

Thanks for Angela Papa and Andre Sheoning.

